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Shadows of the Cross Ex 12:12-13

When I was a child, like a lot of children I was afraid of the dark. I'd ask mom to leave the kitchen light on to shine in my room. But that

light would cause various shadows to be formed in my room. Some would cause the image of a monster's face or a beast of some kind. I would get up run over there move the obj^s causing the shadow to run back to bed so I wouldn't have to look at the haunting shadow. Later on I learned in art class that shadows placed into a drawing caused it to have depth and made the drawing more real. I also learned about the literary usage of foreshadowing. The hinting in a story of future events to come. Did you know there is shadowing in the Bible. Much of O.T. not only hints through prophecy of things to come but also add depth to the meaning of the statement of the N.T. Paul said in Col 2:16-17. There are shadows of the cross throughout the O.T. but the most pronounced shadow of Calvary lies here in Ex 12:12. It gives greater depth + meaning to cross. I can be

I. The Shadow of Sin (Ch 11:4-5)

The first shadow we see is the darkest of all it's the shadow of sin. This shadow and its consequences lean over us all. Rom 6:23 James 1:15. I want you to notice some ^{of these} characters

A. Shadow of Sin is Unprejudiced - vs 11:5
"in the land of Egypt." This meant not only the Pharaoh the Task Masters, the idolatrous priests but also the children of Israel. They were subject to this shadow of sin + death. They too fell under the threat of judgment. All were sinful in the eyes of a Holy God. Rom 3:23
All have sinned... Under the curse of Law. Gal 3:10
B. Shadow of Sin is Unexpected - vs 11:4

This looming shadow of sin + death will fall in an unexpected hour. In an hour where many are slumbering and sleeping in what seems to them security. Reminds of Luke 12:40 Many of these Egyptians will be caught like the 10 foolish virgins, unprepared for Judgment. Oh how sad to face...
C. Shadow of Sin is Unavoidable ^{I will go} vs 11:4 Heb 9:27

This consuming shadow of sin is ever approaching. Men + women for centuries have done as much as they can to prolong life but to no avail. Death is an ever approaching shadow that will not be denied.

II. The Shadow of Sacrifice - The shadow of sin and death may be coming, but in the midst of these verses there is a shining hope, some gospel some good news breaks in. Some for us...

Colossians 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Every person can be guided to the cross of Jesus Christ by the shadows that we find here in our text.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death...

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Galatians 3:10 ...for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

A. A Promised Meal - Ch 10: 3-7; 13-14

There was the promise of a Lamb & a Lamb
vs 7+22. Hope breaks forth. A way of escape
is made. God could have rightfully and justly
destroyed every first born, but he made a ^{plan}
way of escape. God has likewise made ^{for us} a way of escape

B. A Personal Method - vs 3 "Every man
a lamb." then vs 4 the lamb. vs 5 Your Lamb

This is very much the progression of sal-
vation. First we are confronted with a lamb
then we come to realize that he is the Lamb
then we receive him as our own "Your Lamb"

C. A Public Manifestation - It was vitally
visible vs 13, 23. This covenant is not

a secret matter just between you and
God no it was publically manifested. I am
not ashamed of the Gospel (Rom 1:16) We
are to be identified with that blood washed hand.

D A Perpetual Memorial - vs 14, 26-27 This
was to be a day to be remembered. Never
to be forgotten. O.T. prophets often said
I am the Lord that brought you out of Egypt
Used to sing a song "I remember the day."
Why don't we pull out to right and have a ^{memorial} ~~passion~~

III Shadow of Salvation - Finally
we see the last shadow that of Salvation
Just as Peter preached the Gospel at
Pentecost, so Moses preached the Good
News to the land of Egypt. How would they
respond

A The Promise Was Accepted 12:28
Basically Moses preached the Gospel to them. He gave them the saving revelation of God. And they all accepted the revelation they heard and believed. Belief translated into a behaviour they followed instructions. This is the place that my mind was really taken up in the accent, vs 22. Family huddled in corners. ^{Trusting in Blood} Daddy will die.

B The People Were Accountable - Jew and Egyptian alike were accountable to the gospel Moses preached. If any Egyptian had obeyed the instructions given by Moses would have saved 1st Born. If a Jew had ignored the gospel call, their 1st would have died. Heb 9:22 w/o shedding of blood... From the throne through Judgment came. Rev 20:15 You will stand and

C. The Propitiation Was Acknowledged 12:13 I will pass over you. God kept his word vs 30 A great cry arose from those that had not the blood of the Lamb. But all is quiet in the house covered by the blood. They were under condemnation just as the Egyptians were, but were spared by the blood.

IV. Is the Blood of the Lamb of God on the lintel and door post of your heart? Have you by faith reached in to the available blood of Jesus, and applied him to your heart? How long has it been passed

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the
book of life was cast into the lake of fire.